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Merit Award Scholarship Promise Kept

Senate Gets Bill to Extend Application Deadline

LANSING -- To keep the promise of the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship for eligible college freshmen, the Senate took up legislation to extend the deadline until November 15 this year.

Senator Laura Toy, R – Livonia, said, “It is imperative that we keep our promise to those students who have worked hard, earned excellent grades, and are well on their way to becoming contributing, productive citizens of our great state.”

Senate Bill 701 extends the date by which a college freshman must certify his or her Merit Award score from September 15 to November 15 for this year only. The extension is necessary because of the delay in certified results from the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP).

“We must look to the administration to be expedient in repairing this currently failing system,” Toy said. “Just as we expect our students and educational leaders to be timely and responsible, so do we expect MEAP to be timely and responsible in delivering to our students the scholarships they need and deserve.”